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Man Arraigned for Sexually Assaulting His Dog

A 37-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to sexually assaulting his dog, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Sexy Vegan, a.k.a. Hansel DeBartolo III (dob 06/20/82) of West Hollywood entered the plea after being charged with one misdemeanor count each of sexual assault on an animal and posting obscene matter.

Vegan is scheduled back in court on Oct. 7 in Department 2 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Santa Clarita Branch.

On Sept. 5, 2019, Vegan posted a video on his social media account depicting inappropriate behavior with a pit bull, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, he faces up to one year in county jail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Sherriff's Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.